

Wednesday, July 15, 1885.

For some weeks past cholera has been raging in Spain and the deaths have averaged over 600 per day.

All the lumber and shingle mills in the Saginaw valley have been shut down by the employees. The men ask that ten hours' labor be considered a day's work and that wages be not reduced. The strike started at Bay City last week, and then the men went from one mill to another and compelled the managers to shut them down. The salt blocks and other manufactures have also been closed.

## June Rain Fall.

The following will show the amount of rain-fall during the month of June, from and including 1873, and is from the records of the U. S. weather office at this city:

Year	Inches
1873	3.03
1874	2.70
1875	2.70
1876	3.47
1877	3.25
1878	4.74
1879	3.67
1880	3.48
1881	3.23
1882	6.66
1883	5.47
1884	2.07
1885	1.74

From the above it will be seen that last June was the driest June in thirteen years. June of 1875 is the only month anywhere near last month in regard to scarcity of rain.

## Board of Education.

The Board of Education, of the City of Alpena, met in regular session in the Secretary's office on Wednesday evening, July 8, 1885, and was called to order at 8:30 o'clock, by the President.

PRESENT:—Andrew Harshaw, President; Jno. S. McVicar, Secretary, and Trustees Dewey, Maltz, Wagner and Racette.

Minutes of sessions held June 10th and 20th, 1885, read and approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

From the Superintendent, a statistical report of the public schools for the month ending June 1st, 1885. Accepted and ordered placed on file.

From the same, his annual report, as follows:

To the Honorable the Board of Education: GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to present you herewith my fourth annual report of the condition of the public schools of this city for the year ending June 1st, 1885.

Your attention is respectfully called to the following tables of statistics, the first of which refers more particularly to the district and the second to the schools.

As the financial year closes with the first of March, while the school year does not close until June, I have taken that portion of the statistics pertaining to the resources from the Secretary's yearly report, while the expenditures for instruction and incidentals have been made to correspond with the school year.

TABLE I.

Equalized valuation of district property, \$2,477,000

Cash value of school property, \$20,530.00

Real funds on hand from preceding year, \$1,832.28

Amount received from primary school fund, \$3,062.43

Amount received from local taxation, \$17,279.00

Amount received from fines, \$65.70

Total receipts, \$22,811.71

EXPENDITURES.

Cost of supervision and instruction, \$10,510.00

Cost of incidentals, \$1,000.00

Cost of permanent improvements, \$5,992.38

Cost of fuel, \$1,111.33

Total expenditures, \$18,613.71

Population of school district, 1884, 5,197

Census of school age, September, 1884, 3,229

Cost of education per capita, \$11.84

PART II.

No. new entries, boys, 227

No. new entries, girls, 123

Average daily attendance, 1,147

Average number belonging, 628

Average number attending, 140

One month, 722

You will see from the above statistics, that the increase in the enrollment for the past year has been only 46 while the increase in average attendance has been 11, or what is equivalent to three good sized schools. At no time during the year could the schools have been conducted profitably with a less number of teachers, while in the Second ward the accommodations were not at all sufficient for the attendance. A comparison between the Lockwood and Second ward schools shows the following:

Enrolled in Lockwood, 215

Average belonging in Lockwood, 111

Enrolled in Second ward, 214

Average belonging in Second ward, 154

You will see that the enrollment in the Second ward exceeded that of the Lockwood, while the number belonging was thirty-seven less. I can explain that on no other ground than lack of accommodations, and have no doubt that, had there been room in the Second ward, the average number belonging would have been largely increased. As it was, the first grade room was greatly overcrowded, and the opening of a new room for the coming year is an unavoidable necessity.

During the past year there has been a very great and gratifying decrease in the tardiness of the school. In 1884 the number of cases was 4,063, while this year it was 2,260—a decrease in one year of 1,803. Large as the decrease is, the number even now is largely in excess of what it should be. The habit of promptly coming to school is one of the most valuable ones in business life and one which business men can appreciate. The little time which the school hours, or may cause others to lose, is not of so much importance as the fact that he is forming a habit which will be a great advantage to him in future life. No doubt parents and pupils are themselves largely to blame for the tardiness, but I am convinced that the Board of Education has not performed its entire duty in this matter. The placing of a new bell on the Old Smith school reducing the tardiness to an astonishing degree, and I believe the putting of a bell upon each building, except the Lockwood, would be attended with like beneficial results.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS.

The action of the Board for the last two years in tendering positions to all the old teachers was again followed this year, and such of the teachers as desired to remain were notified to

their acceptances by June 10th. Eight of the old teachers declined to re-engage, and with the new ones added, will make in all eleven new teachers. The Committee on Examinations has taken the utmost pains to select suitable persons for these places, and, although in some cases it was necessary to rely wholly upon recommendations, yet it is believed that on the whole the force has been strengthened. There is one question in this connection which will year by year assume larger proportions, and which must sooner or later receive the attention of the Board. I refer to the confidence with which inexperienced graduates look for an appointment as teachers in our public schools. To occupy such a position is certainly a worthy ambition for any young lady of high school to obtain, but for the Board to grant positions, indiscriminately to all who may graduate, would seriously endanger the efficiency of the school. Any public school in which such inexperienced graduates look for an appointment as teachers in our public schools, would be a very great danger of falling into the hands of a staying teacher. It needs new life blood and plenty of it to keep the body in a healthy condition. The new ideas which teachers may have gathered in other schools are often of the greatest service to the whole school. For the Board to give a diploma to a graduate who has no experience elsewhere, would be a very great mistake, and our graduates should be given to understand that a diploma is only a certificate of scholarship, and that whether an appointment to a position will be made entirely satisfactory. In 1884 the City Council, upon request of the Board, appointed one policeman to act as trustee officer. Under his vigorous administration, the schools were kept in order. This year the Council laid the duty upon the whole force, and the truth of the old adage that "What is everybody's business is nobody's business," has again been verified. I do not mean to be understood that nothing has been done, but the result has not been satisfactory to me, and I would respectfully recommend either that the City Council be again requested to appoint a particular policeman to act as trustee officer, or that the attempt to enforce the law be given up.

## HEALTH OF THE SCHOOL.

During the past year, two of the scholars, Jacob Hays, of the 7th grade, and George Bremer, of the 9th, have died. Both of them were excellent scholars and had, to all appearances, a bright future before them. As a mark of respect, their respective teachers and classmates attended the funeral in a body, and a large number united with the friends in paying at the grave the last tribute of affection. Aside from this the general health has been good. On one or two occasions it was deemed advisable to exclude scholars from school because of exposure to contagious diseases, and all further trouble has been avoided. The sanitary condition of the buildings has received careful attention and the ventilation has been greatly improved. The latter subject has received special attention from the Board of Education, Executive Committee, and under his vigorous direction ventilators have been placed in nearly all the rooms of the city, outside of the Central building. If the same system could be used at least in the lower rooms of the latter, great good could not fail to follow. It would, it seems to me, contribute very largely to the health and comfort of the school if the buildings which are constructed so as to receive heat could be provided with furnaces. This method of heating, as proven in Lockwood this winter, is the most economical, the most convenient, and the most insures perfect ventilation. The Second Ward and Obed Smith schools would be especially benefited if this method of heating could be adopted. During a large portion of the year the water supply is cut off by the frost from all of the ward schools except the Lockwood. If there is any possible way to remedy this it should be taken.

## LIBRARY.

From the following statistics you will be able to judge the condition of the Library:

No. volumes in Library, 1,872

" added during the year, 438

" books discarded, 10

" people drawing books, 800

Appropriated, \$250

Fines estimated, \$40

Total, \$290

Librarian's salary, \$150

Amount left for purchase of books, \$140

Among the books added this year were a large number adopted to the wants of our High School and Grammar grades. These books have been largely read, and, as a result, they have done in forming correctness and imparting valuable information can hardly be estimated. The Librarian recommends that she be allowed to add such volumes from time to time as the needs of the Library may demand, and this recommendation is heartily concurred in. I would also suggest the desirability of adding at least \$50 worth of well selected French works.

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Last year I reported a list of thirteen scholars who had not been absent during the year. This year I am glad to report that the number has increased to thirty-seven. The following are the names:

George Paxton, Ella McNeil (3 yrs.),

Charles Belov, Kate Simmons,

Charles Prince (2 yrs.), Cora Foley,

Herbert Kimball, Carrie Creighton (2 yrs.),

James Johnson, Alma Worth,

Charles Kimball (2 yrs.), Marie Bitters,

Robert Long, Mary Hanna,

Charles Brice, May Thompson,

Beat Gordon (2 yrs.), Anna Hammond,

Frank Walker, Anna Martinson,

Donald McKelvey, May McKelvey,

Walter Collins, Harry Horton (2 yrs.),

Frank Richardson, John McDonald,

John Paxton, Julian Bruno,

Frank Bedford, Angus Brice,

THE EIGHTH GRADE.

This year eighty-three scholars were promoted from the primary to the grammar department and twenty from the latter to the High School. A new feature was added this year in having formal graduating exercises for the eighth grade. These exercises consisted of either an essay, declamation or a recitation by each member of the class, and music furnished by the class, assisted by the members of the 7th grade.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen attended these exercises, at the conclusion of which certificates, admitting to the High School without further examination, were given to the following persons:

Levitt Prince, Belle Montague,

Albert Manning, Louise Simmons,

 John Olinari, Willie Dumas, || John Mahan, Sarah Creighton, |
| Willie Dumas, Annie Lincoln, |
| Charles Belov, Maggie Ripley, |
| Frank Richardson, Ella Hilliard, |
| Edith Montague, Mattie Teft, |

## HIGH SCHOOL.

On Friday evening, June 10th, a large audience of our citizens assembled in the Congregational church, to witness the third Commencement exercises of the High School. The following is the programme of exercises:

Piano Solo—Polonaise Militaire, J. H. Simons.

Prayer, Rev. A. B. Smith.

Essay—Through Trials to Triumph, Miss Cora Small.

Essay—Faith for Eternity, Miss Aggie Dixon.

Piano Solo—Transcription on Scotch Songs, Mr. Simons.

Essay—Things Must be Done, Miss Abbie Berryhill.

Essay—He who Follows Me Must Deny Himself, Miss Louise McDonald.

PART III.

Soprano Solo—"Bonnie New Moon", Mrs. Simons.

Exercises—Children's Anthem, Miss Alice M. Horton.

The exercises were listened to with close attention, and this year diplomas were conferred upon the following, certifying that each had finished the prescribed English course in the Alpena High School: Abbie Berryhill, Aggie Dixon, Louise McDonald, Rebecca Myers, Cora Small and Annie Schweinfurth.

## CONCLUSION.

The above report contains a brief mention of the events of the past year, to which, by way of retrospect, your attention ought to be called, together with a few suggestions as to what course it may be best to pursue in the future. With the submission of this report the work of the school year is finished. It seems to me that the year has been a prosperous one. The number of scholars in each department has largely increased, the health of the pupils has been good, the discipline easily maintained, and the instruction conscientious and thorough. We have lost for the coming year

some teachers whose experience would have been of great value to the school, and Mr. Wean, whose conscientious and efficient work in the High School during the past four years, merits the appreciation of all who have the interests of this school at heart. On the other hand, however, fourteen of the old teachers have been retained, and the new principal and assistant in the High School come to us with the highest recommendations for scholarship and general ability. Relying upon these advantages, and upon that confidence of the people which, judging by appearances, the school certainly possesses, I believe you may reasonably expect that, during the coming year, the efficiency of the school will not decline. Thanking you for your support during the past year and asking a continuance of the same during the coming year, I am, Very Respectfully,  
J. W. SMITH,  
Supt. of Schools.

Alpena, July 8, 1885.

Accepted and ordered published as required by the rules.

Trustee Mellen appeared and took his seat.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

From the Finance Committee, recommending the payment of the following bills:

Alpena Weekly Argus, printing, etc., \$47.50

H. H. Whitelaborer, supplies, \$1.35

Western Union Telegraph Co., telegraphing, 1.24

John F. Kelly, remodeling desk, 1.00

Moved by Mr. Dewey that the report be accepted and warrants ordered drawn for the payment of the several bills as recommended. Carried by vote as follows: Ayes—Dewey, Maltz, Mellen, Wagner and Racette. Nays—None.

Moved by Mr. Dewey that a warrant be ordered drawn for thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars in favor of E. J. Harding, in part payment for plans and specifications and services superintending the new Second ward school building. Carried by vote as follows: Ayes—Dewey, Maltz, Mellen, Wagner and Racette. Nays—None.

Trustee Bruno appeared and took his seat.

From the Executive Committee, a verbal report of the repairs necessary to be made in the different schools during the present vacation.

Moved by Mr. Maltz that the report be accepted and that said Committee be instructed to have the necessary repairs done as recommended, except the placing of a furnace in the Obed Smith school. Carried by vote as follows: Ayes—Dewey, Maltz, Mellen, Wagner, Bruno and Racette. Nays—None.

From the Committee on Examination, a verbal report stating that there is still one vacancy in the corps of teachers.

By Trustee Wagner: Resolved, That Miss Abbie Berryhill, a graduate of our High School of 1885, be tendered a position as teacher in our public schools for the ensuing school year. Carried by unanimous vote.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Moved by Mr. Maltz that the Executive Committee be and are hereby authorized to purchase 240 good seats and what teachers' tables and chairs are necessary from the firm giving the lowest price. Carried by unanimous vote.

Moved by Mr. Dewey, supported by Mr. Maltz, that the following named persons be engaged as janitors for the First ward schools for the ensuing year:

Richard Manning, for Lockwood, at \$20 per month.

Mrs. Charles Beard, for Baldwin, " 10 "

Lanah Markham, for Cambridge, " 5 "

Carried by unanimous consent.

Moved by Mr. Mellen, supported by Mr. Wagner, that the following persons be engaged as janitors for the Second ward schools for the ensuing year:

Thomas Graham, for brick school, at \$15 per month.

L. Laidlow, for the new school, " 5 "

Carried by unanimous vote.

Moved by Mr. Bruno, supported by Mr. Racette, that the following persons be engaged as janitors for the Third ward schools for the following year:

Mrs. Irene Marshall, Third ward, at \$15 per month.

Mrs. S. Cooper, for Obed Smith, " 5 "

Carried by unanimous consent.

On motion of Mr. Mellen the Board adjourned.

A. HARSHAW,  
President.

J. S. McVicar,  
Secretary.

## Council Proceedings.

The Common Council of the City of Alpena met in adjourned regular session, in the Council Room, on Tuesday evening, July 7th, 1885, and was called to order at 8:20 o'clock by the Mayor.

Present—Andrew Harshaw, Mayor; Jno. S. McVicar, Recorder, and Aldermen Warner, Culligan, D'Aigle, Campbell and Daoust.

## PETITIONS.

From J. B. Rice and seven others asking for a water pipe on Tuttle street, from Eighth to Ninth street. Referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

ALPENA CO. TREAS. OFFICE.

ALPENA, Michigan, July 7th, 1885.

To the City Recorder:

The following charges and credits have been made in the books of this office in the account with your city from April 1st to date:

1885.

April 1. To balance due county, \$1,166.81

June 8. Paid City Treas. Jno. S. McVicar, 2,134.72

July 5. " City Treas. J. Culligan, 1,200.00

" " " " 2,000.00

" " " " 125.00

" " " " 1.20

Total, \$13,814.92

May 1. By taxes collected in April, \$149.37

June 1. " " " 40.23

" " " " 2,134.72

" " " " 1,200.00

" " " " 2 at \$5, 10.00

Total, \$13,814.92

A. J. SIMMONS,  
County Treasurer.

On motion of Alderman Warner the report was referred to the Controller.

By Alderman Warner, supported by Alderman Culligan:

Resolved, That Dock and Second streets be paved with cedar from the south side of Oldfield St. to the south side of Washington avenue, excepting the block at the south end of the bridge to the first crossing. Said paving to be done according to the specifications made by Fred. A. Rice. The expenses of said paving to be paid from the Highway and Contingent funds.

Carried by vote as follows: Ayes—Warner, Culligan, Campbell and Daoust. Nays—D'Aigle.

By Alderman Warner, supported by Alderman Campbell:

Resolved, That the paving just ordered by the Council be done according to the plans, survey and specifications now on file with the City Recorder, and that the bids now on file for doing said paving be opened.

Carried by vote as follows: Ayes—Warner, Culligan, Campbell and Daoust. Nays—D'Aigle.

PROPOSALS.

Price per sq. ft.

King & Smiley, Muskegon, \$1.00

Angus & Mackay & Co., Port Huron, .80

Samuel Boggs, Alpena, .125

D. W. Campbell, \$1.00

D. J. Kennedy, Bay City, .80

Robert Montgomery, Alpena, .80

Franklin S. Dewey, " .80

Wm. H. Smith, " .80

Hurly Brothers, Bay City, .80

On motion of Alderman Campbell the Council went into a committee of the whole to examine said bids.

After considerable time spent thereat, and in discussing the different points to be considered in doing said paving, the Council was called to order and a verbal report made as above.

Moved by Alderman Warner that the blank space left in the specifications, for the time of completing the paving, be filled by inserting the 25th day of August, 1885. Carried by unanimous vote.

Moved by Alderman Campbell that the contract for grading and paving Dock and Second streets, in accordance with the plans and specifications accepted by this Council, be awarded to Franklin S. Dewey at the price named in his proposal, viz.,—88 cts. per square yard—on his furnishing good and sufficient bonds. Carried by unanimous vote.

By Alderman Campbell:

Resolved, That the Controller be and is hereby instructed to notify the Alpena Electric Light Co. to place a light on the south-easterly corner of Dock and Huber streets immediately. Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Alderman Campbell the Committee on Streets and Sewers were instructed to examine Lock Lake avenue, and report to this Council at its next regular meeting the most feasible plan of draining the same.

Moved by Alderman Campbell that the Controller and City Attorney be and are hereby instructed to draft a suitable contract to be signed by Mr. Dewey; and that the Mayor and two Aldermen be appointed a committee to approve said contract and bond. Carried by unanimous vote.

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Culligan and Warner on said committee.

On motion of Alderman Campbell the Council adjourned.

A. HARSHAW,  
Mayor.

J. S. McVicar,  
Recorder.

George Hutton, of Zanesville, Ohio, joins the people who testify to the virtues of E. J. Hutton's Bitters: "This is to certify that I have been laboring under a difficulty of breathing for a considerable length of time, which was accompanied with loss of appetite, general debility, etc. After using one bottle of Hutton's Bitters I am well."

## Communion Wine.

Physicians who have used Spear's Port Grape wine, of New Jersey, and have applied to it the strictest test, pronounce it pure and recommend it to the aged and infirm, and for general use where wine is desirable, as the most reliable of wines to be had.

Spear also preserves the Grape Juice fresh and sweet, just as it runs from the press, not by the use of spirits, but by extracting the fermenting principles from the ripe grapes when mashed, it is called Unfermented Grape Juice. For sale by J. T. Bostwick.

The best thing for the complexion is Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It brings the bloom of health to the wan cheek.

## Farmers and Mechanics.

Save money and doctor bills. Relieve your mothers, wives and sisters by a timely purchase of Dr. Ross's Cough and Lung Syrup, best known remedy for coughs, colds, croup and bronchial affections. Relieves children of croup, whooping cough, and all other diseases of the throat and lungs. Price 50 cts. and \$1.00. Samples free. Sold by Field & Perkins and H. Beebe. cov7251

## The Secret of Wealth.

Broken down invalids do you wish to gain flesh, to acquire an appetite, to enjoy a regular habit of body, to obtain refreshing sleep, to feel and know that every fibre and tissue of your system is being braced up and renovated. If so, commence at once a course of GOLDEN SEAL BITTERS. In one week you will be convalescent. In a month you will be well. Don't despair because you have a weak constitution. Fortify the body against disease by purifying the fluids with GOLDEN SEAL BITTERS. No epidemic can take hold of a system thus fortified. The liver, the stomach, the bowels, the kidneys are rendered disease proof by this great invigorant. Ruinous bills for medical attendance may be avoided by counteracting the first symptoms of sickness with these Bitters. They are recommended from friend to friend, and the sale increases daily. We warrant a cure. They are a positive cure also for all female complaints. In these diseases they